

D R A F T Minutes
Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee Meeting
September 22, 2006

The Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee met on Friday, September 22, 2006, at the James Madison Building, Fifth Floor Conference Room in Richmond.

The following committee members were present: Tom Basham, Chairman, Don Alexander, Marcia Degen, Bill Keeling, Bob Lee, Mike Lynn, Joel Pinnix, James Pyne and Pam Pruett. Donna Tiller was also present as Secretary to the Committee.

The following visitors were present: Ron Gabaldon and Ted Knight, E-Loo; Paul Louis; Carl Thompson, Infiltrator Systems; Ben Berteau, Ring Industrial; Jim Bowles, John Aulbach, Allen Knapp and David Tiller, VDH, OEHS.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

The agenda was approved adding review of GMP #107, Generic Drip Disposal Policy, under New Business.

The minutes were reviewed from the December 16, 2005 meeting and approved with one correction: Joel Pinnix vote on the motion was “against” and not “abstained”; which made the next sentence to omit the word “unanimously”. The meeting minutes from the April 7, 2006 “Unofficial” meeting were also approved with one correction, adding James Pyne as attending.

Under “Old Business”: Allen Knapp gave a brief update of the VDH/DPOR meeting on the practice of engineering. He is drafting a Memorandum of Agreement between the two agencies and has a December 2007 deadline to complete GMP #125. A work group is being established, Joel Pinnix and Mike Lynn have been suggested to represent the Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee. Allen passed out copies of the September 7, 2006 letter to Harvey Morgan from Jay DeBoer, Director of DPOR and Dr. Stroube, Health Commissioner, VDH.

Under “New Business”: Ron Gabaloon and Ted Knight then gave a presentation on the E-loo Drying Privy for product approval. There were questions from the committee and discussion on the

product. It was approved unanimously by the committee and accepted under Vault Privy in the Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations.

Before Carl Thompson's ISI presentation for Modification of Product Approval, Pam Pruett was asked to give brief comments on what the AOSE Advisory Committee's view was on the subject. She stated that the group had no firm conclusion, but concerned about the design being re-done by contractors and that homeowners possibly would not know that changes were made. Carl then gave his presentation and there was questions and discussion. John Aulbach then gave on the division's review of the product which was to keep the GMP as is. Bob Lee made a motion to "Keep the General Approval status which states a 25% reduction for septic tank effluent"; in addition, stated that it is a separate issue if a field change is made. This passed with no opposed, Joel Pinnix and Don Alexander abstained.

Don Alexander then gave an update on how the sewage regulations are coming along and stated his goal is to be done by Christmas, 2006. He highlighted the steps in the regulatory process. Don copied for the group six concepts he is working towards in the development of the sewage regulations.

The discussion then went to GMP #107 with Mike Lynn stating that there are some people out there that are turning around the GMP, and, giving it a bad name. He feels there should be enforcement. He stated the problem is big, and there are 100s of sites. Mike to give details to Dave Tiller and Jim Bowles and to work with John Aulbach to define the scope of the problem, source and document problems.

Future meeting dates: October 27, 2006, November 17, 2006, December 15, 2006. All will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Fifth Floor Conference Room, Madison Building.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.